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State of California **Health and Human Services Agency**



GRANTLAND JOHNSON SECRETARY

Date:

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From:

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Agency

Bateson Building Atrium Construction Project Subject:

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Departments & Boards:

Aging

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Workforce Investment In the course of the ongoing Atrium roofing project, late Wednesday evening construction workers detected a fungi problem that was brought to our attention first thing Thursday morning. Steps were immediately taken to assess the problem and establish plans to resolve it.

Samples of the fungi, also referred to as mold, were sent to an independent testing laboratory at once. The results, which came back within ten hours, indicated that the mold that was present was not of the type hazardous to people. The mold is typically the type found in construction sites and presents no significant risk to the health and safety of individuals.

Because the existing project called for removal of the Atrium roof, the mold will have to be eradicated. In order to eradicate or abate the mold, the roofing area will be completely sealed and fully contained, thereby eliminating any exposure to people in the building.

If you have any immediate questions you are welcomed to attend any of the following scheduled meetings:

Friday, May 03, 2002 at 3:00 pm DSS Auditorium, 744 "P" Street Monday, May 06, 2002 at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm Secretary of State Building - Auditorium, 11th & O

Your department health and safety officers are also available to answer questions.